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Vice CNET awards NJROTC Nationals champion

PENSACOLA, Fla.-- Three high school teams came out on top during the annual national competition that involved more than 1,000 teams from 24 Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) units. The Chief of Naval Education and Training (CNET) sponsors the competition to recognize outstanding academic achievement among NJROTC cadets and units.

The NJROTC cadets from 15 states converged on the Naval Air Station Pensacola and the Naval Air Technical Training Center April 6-7, for two days of intense academic, military drill/ inspection and athletic competition.

Although each school and each cadet were all winners just to have made it to the nationals, only one school could depart the "Cradle of Naval Aviation" with the title of NJROTC Nationals Champion. At an awards ceremony at the National Museum of Naval Aviation, April 7, Rear Adm. David L. Brewer III, vice CNET awarded the unit from Flour Bluff High School, Corpus Christi, Texas, the national winner. This is Flour Bluff High School's fifth consecutive nationals' title. First and second runners up respectively were Boca Raton High School, Boca Raton, Fla., and Lake Howell High School, Winter Park, Fla.

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NJROTC Nationals champion declared 2-2-2

The competition, according to Cmdr. Cliff Harrington, the CNET NJROTC operations officer, culminated a year's work to identify the best of the 491 NJROTC units.

The local schools competing for the national title, Pace High School, Pace, Fla., and Robertsdale High School, Robertsdale, Ala., each walked away from the two-day event with special honors.

Pace High School was awarded the Capt. James H. Harvey Award in recognition of the school's military decorum, personal conduct, and team spirit throughout the two-day 2001 National NJROTC competition.

The award was established in honor of Harvey, who is credited with generating NJROTC competitions that grew from local to regional and finally, a national competition. In order to win the Harvey award the NJROTC unit must demonstrate teamwork, leadership, athletic ability and academic achievement. Betty Wasson-Harvey, the widow of the award's namesake, presented the award. Harvey believed these were the attributes on which cadets should build their life and careers.

Robertsdale High School Cadet Jonsthan Langham captured first place honors in the individual male pushup category and Cadet Starla Patterson captured third place in the individual female pushup category. RHS also took third place in the team pushups category and second place in the unarmed platoon exhibition.

There are approximately 65,000 high school students enrolled in NJROTC throughout the United States including the District of Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii, as well as in units in Guam, Japan and Italy.

NJROTC Nationals champion declared 3-3-3

In addition to those units that took home the top three trophies, and the local units awarded special honors the following NJROTC units also competed: Alma High School, Alma, Ark.; Brother Martin High School, New Orleans, La.; Cape Fear High School, Fayetteville, N.C.; Conway High School, Conway S.C.; Crook County High School, Prineville, Ore.; Easley High School, Easley, S.C.; Green Run High School, Virginia Beach, Va.; Lewisville High School, Lewisville, Texas; Manchester West High School, Manchester, N.H.; Mesa Ridge High School, Colorado Springs, Colo.; North Laurel High School, London, Ky.; Oviedo High School, Oviedo, Fla.; Picayune High School, Picayune, Miss.; Princess Anne High School, Virginia Beach, Va.; Reseda High School, Reseda, Calif.; Serra High School, San Diego, Calif.; Silver Bluff High School, Aiken, S.C.; Vanguard High School, Ocala, Fla.; and Wall High School, Wall, N.J.

If you would like more information about the NJROTC Nationals competition check out the NJTOTC Nationals website at <www.the.nationals.net>.

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